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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Please let me introduce myself; my name is Joseph Kaphaga. I live in Liverpool, New York, a suburb of Syracuse. I am married with 3 children and one grandchild. I am 43 years old, a Viet Nam veteran and have worked in the telephone industry for 20 years. I was 14 years old at the time of the JFK assassination. I am a student of history and consider that crime to have changed the course of history. I have long been intrigued by the case and recent events have served to rekindle interest in it. I have read several of the more recent books on the assassination and have seen the documentaries that you appeared in ("Investigative Reports", etc.)

I am currently reading "High Treason 2" in which, apart from the mention of "back of the head" approximately 1000 times, some interesting questions are raised.

Being an amateur researcher, but having a lot of historical knowledge of the case, I would like to ask your opinion of some questions raised in more recent years. I understand from speaking to your wife on the telephone this morning that you

are having some health problems, so if you are unable to help, I understand.

First, let me say that my opinion is that there was and continued to be (and continues) a conspiracy in the JFK murder as well as King and RFK Watergate, etc. I believe there were at least 2 shooters in Dealey Plaza and that although the Mafia (or mob) may have provided technical assistance, the crime and the continued cover-up had to be carried out at the highest levels of the government. I also believe that Oswald was a patsy.

My questions for you are:

Shooters - 1) They may have been professional CIA assassins and/or Cubans. What do you think of Steve Rivell's report about Corsican hitmen hired by Marcello/Trafficante versus Jenie allegedly meeting Cuban killers?"

2) Gordon Arnold's encounter with "badge man" at Grassy Knoll. Did anyone ever ask him to describe the man or his voice or show him a picture of Lucien Sarti?

3) The very end of the Zapruder film follows the limousine into the overpass. Doesn't this show the wooden fence area of Grassy Knoll where shooter supposedly was?

4) What is your opinion of Bonar Menninger's book "Mortal Error" stating that Secret Service agent Hickey

fired the President's fatal head shot. (This book assumes, however, that Oswald was the only shooter.)

Medical evidence 1) David Lifton theory of surgery done to President between departure of body from Dallas and arrival at Bethesda (Air Force major "body not logged in, second casket, etc.) Is alteration such as this possible, so as not to be detectible?

2) Would exhumation of JFK body solve anything after all this time? Harrison Livingstone raises the question of who is really in JFK's grave. Kennedy family would strongly oppose, but, if an investigation into JFK murder warranted exhumation, could legal circumstances override family and force exhumation? Is it possible JFK remains were switched with or buried as "Air Force major" that was supposed to be buried in Arlington Saturday 11/23/63?

3) Did JFK have Addison's or Potts' disease? Would he really have not lived through second term?

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Oswald Could DNA testing confirm identity of Oswald from tissue samples of 1981 exhumation? Funeral director noted no sign of craniotomy at 1981 pathology session and possibility was raised that head was switched to match dental records, etc. Given today's technology, could DNA testing help? There is a theory that the Oswald that came back from USSR was a Soviet agent, but that would only matter if he really did kill the President.

Conspiracy theories

1) Garrison probe – Clay Shaw, Ferrie, etc.
   Was Clay Shaw in all probability a conspirator?

2) Joseph Milteer – How would he have access to info regarding plot against JFK to take place in Chicago, Miami, Dallas?

3) Victor Marchetti supposedly said that CIA was contemplating "limited hangout" and admitting involvement?

I would really like to know your thoughts on some or all of these questions. If writing is too stressful for you, you may call me collect at 315/457-1162 evenings. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

I would also like to order your book Post-Mortem. Your wife said the price would be $12.50 postpaid.

Thank you very much for your time. I hope you will be better soon and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Joseph M Tuohy